

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on February 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 479, 2/15/2007; HB 431,  
2/15/2007  
Executive Action: HJ 6, HB 431, SB 479

**HEARING ON SB 479**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:22 SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 479, Content criteria for labeling products containing Montana huckleberries.

**Proponents:**

00:02:18 Marla Hedman, Larchwood Farms

**EXHIBIT**(ags37a01)

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:38 Sen. Hansen to Sen. Elliott

00:09:09 Sen. Brueggeman to Sen. Elliott

00:11:04 Sen. Smith to Sen. Elliott

00:12:18 Sen. Smith to Marla Hedman

00:13:11 Sen. Hansen to Lloyd Hedman

00:17:04 Sen. Bales to Lloyd Hedman

00:17:53 Sen. Bales to Sen. Elliott

00:20:09 Sen. Pease to Doug Sternberg, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:43 Sen. Elliott

**HEARING ON HB 431**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:55 REP. MARK BLASDEL (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 431, Revise procedure for defining classifications of milk-related products.

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:55 Sen. Larson to Rep. Blasdel

00:29:22 Sen. Bales to Rep. Blasdel

00:29:45 Sen. Smith to Rep. Blasdel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:07 Rep. Blasdel

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6**

00:32:31 Sen. Hansen

00:32:37 Doug Sternberg, LSD

00:33:16 **Motion:** SEN. SMITH moved that HJ 6 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:34:21 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BRUEGGEMAN CALLED THE QUESTION ON HJ 6. Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with SEN. BALES and SEN. STEINBEISSER voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 431**

00:36:24 **Motion:** SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that HB 431 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:36:37 **Sen. Larson**

00:37:02 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. LARSON CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB  
431. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 479**

00:37:07 **Motion:** **SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that SB 479 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:37:22 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. SMITH CALLED THE QUESTION ON SB 479.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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